

CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #6-6

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TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: MONITORING OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

CODE REFERENCE: MUFC 14.105(a)

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

The fire code states that "When required by the Chief, fire alarm systems shall be supervised by an approved central, proprietary or remote station service, or a local alarm which will give an audible signal at a constantly attended location".

The State Fire Marshal's Policy is to require monitoring of fire alarm systems in:

1. Day Care Centers of more than 100 occupant load,
2. Health Care Facilities,
3. Detention and Correctional Facilities.

We will adhere to this policy. All other requirements for monitoring of a fire alarm system must be approved by the Fire Marshal through your supervisor. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

We recommend that monitoring be accomplished by a U.L. approved monitoring company (i.e., Honeywell, 3-M, ADT, etc.). The Saint Paul Fire Department does not presently require nor allow fire alarm systems to be monitored by the Fire Department Communications Center.

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